

# Bridgewater, NH



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County	<b>Grafton</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Plymouth, NH LMA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Lakes</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Lakes Region</b>
Regional Development	<b>Grafton County Economic Development Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 1</b>
State Senate	<b>District 2</b>
State Representative	<b>Grafton County Districts 9, 17</b>

**Incorporated:** 1788

**Origin:** Bridgewater received its charter in 1788, when it was part of the town of New Chester. New Chester was separated into Bridgewater and Hill, as well as portions of Bristol, Danbury, and Wilmot. Early settlers of the area were from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, giving the town its name. Bridgewater was officially incorporated by John Sullivan, who was President of New Hampshire before the title was changed to Governor. The town line follows the eastern shore of Newfound Lake.

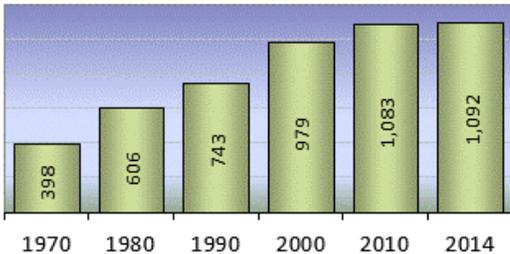
**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 281 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Bridgewater totaled 799 over 54 years, from 293 in 1960 to 1,092 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 52 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; two of the last five decades had increases of 30 percent or more. The 2014 Census estimate for Bridgewater was 1,092 residents, which ranked 179th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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**Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau):** 50.9 persons per square mile of land area. Bridgewater contains 21.5 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	<b>\$1,347,201</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2015-2016	<b>\$1,943,374</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1983/10</b>
Master Plan	<b>2006</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen**  
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; ZBA**

Public Library **Bridgewater**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department		<b>Full-time</b>	
Fire Department		<b>Part-time</b>	
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Full-time</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>13 miles</b>	<b>25</b>	

<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier		<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier		<b>Private wells</b>	
Sanitation		<b>Private septic</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		<b>No</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		<b>None</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		<b>No</b>	
Recycling Program		<b>Mandatory</b>	
Telephone Company		<b>Fairpoint</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access		<b>Yes</b>	
Cable Television Access		<b>Yes</b>	
Public Access Television Station		<b>No</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>	
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>	

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$ 9.73</b>		
2015 Equalization Ratio	<b>90.0</b>		
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$ 8.69</b>		
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>93.1%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>4.1%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.8%</b>		

<b>HOUSING</b>		<i>(ACS 2010-2014)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>1,059</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>939</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>6</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>114</b>		

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County		
2014	<b>1,092</b>	<b>89,360</b>		
2010	<b>1,083</b>	<b>89,118</b>		
2000	<b>979</b>	<b>81,826</b>		
1990	<b>743</b>	<b>74,998</b>		
1980	<b>606</b>	<b>65,806</b>		
1970	<b>398</b>	<b>54,914</b>		

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>517</b>	Female	<b>575</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>35</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>132</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>99</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>314</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>239</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>273</b>
Median Age	<b>53.4 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>90.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>29.4%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2010-2014)</i>	
Per capita income			<b>\$31,691</b>
Median family income			<b>\$67,056</b>
Median household income			<b>\$55,833</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$52,143</b>
Female	<b>\$37,222</b>

Individuals below the poverty level	<b>5.3%</b>
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<b>LABOR FORCE</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average		2005		2015	
Civilian labor force	<b>566</b>		<b>680</b>		
Employed	<b>552</b>		<b>660</b>		
Unemployed	<b>14</b>		<b>20</b>		
Unemployment rate	<b>2.5%</b>		<b>2.9%</b>		

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2004		2014	
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	<b>16</b>		<b>28</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 553</b>		<b>\$ 772</b>		
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	<b>45</b>		<b>82</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 533</b>		<b>\$ 901</b>		
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	<b>62</b>		<b>110</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 759</b>		<b>\$ 868</b>		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	<b>20</b>		<b>22</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 220</b>		<b>\$ 353</b>		
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	<b>81</b>		<b>132</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 628</b>		<b>\$ 783</b>		

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Newfound Area (Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton)** District: **SAU 4**

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center** Region: **5**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)      Elementary      Middle/Junior High      High School      Private/Parochial

Number of Schools

Grade Levels

Total Enrollment

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Laconia**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)      Total Facilities: **0**      Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bridgewater Steam Power	Utility	12	1988

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access      US Routes      **3**

                         State Routes      **3A**

Nearest Interstate, Exit      **I-93, Exit 23**

                         Distance      **10 miles**

Railroad      **No**

Public Transportation      **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

**Newfound Valley, Bristol**      Runway      **1,900 ft. asphalt**

Lighted?      **No**      Navigation Aids?      **No**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

**Lebanon Municipal**      Distance      **42 miles**

Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport      **1**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH      **58 miles**

Portland, Maine      **101 miles**

Boston, Mass.      **108 miles**

New York City, NY      **305 miles**

Montreal, Quebec      **224 miles**

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van      **83.8%**

Carpooled, car/truck/van      **9.6%**

Public transportation      **0.0%**

Walked      **0.7%**

Other means      **0.0%**

Worked at home      **5.9%**

Mean Travel Time to Work      **29.6 minutes**

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014**

Working in community of residence      **10.7**

Commuting to another NH community      **86.4**

Commuting out-of-state      **2.9**

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

**X** Municipal Parks

YMCA/YWCA

Boys Club/Girls Club

Golf Courses

Swimming: Indoor Facility

Swimming: Outdoor Facility

Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility

Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility

Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility

Bowling Facilities

Museums

Cinemas

Performing Arts Facilities

**X** Tourist Attractions

**X** Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)

**X** Youth Sports: Baseball

**X** Youth Sports: Soccer

Youth Sports: Football

**X** Youth Sports: Basketball

Youth Sports: Hockey

**X** Campgrounds

**X** Fishing/Hunting

**X** Boating/Marinas

**X** Snowmobile Trails

**X** Bicycle Trails

**X** Cross Country Skiing

**X** Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Ragged, Tenney Mountains**

Other: